

REMARKS

By this amendment claims 21 and 23 have been amended and claim 22 has been canceled. Claims 17-21 and 23-26 remain pending. Claims 17-20 and 24-26 have been deemed allowable.

Resubmission of the Figures

In accordance with the Examiner's requirement, a complete set of figures as filed with the preliminary amendment of September 8, 2003 is being resubmitted herewith.

Rejections under 35 USC §§102(b) and 102(e)

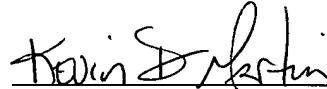
Claim 21 has been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) over Coursey (US 6,121,084) and under 35 USC §102(e) over DeBoer, et al. (US 6,693,320).

Claim 22, which was objected to by the Examiner, has been written into claim 21 and canceled. Claim 21 is, therefore, in condition for allowance. The amendment to claim 23 updates the dependency of the claim.

Conclusion

It is submitted that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned.

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